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Ex-CIA Agent Picks a New York Lawyer

Edwin Wilson, the renegade CIA agent charged with providing illegal military aid to Libya, operated on the strength of his highly placed contacts in Washington. But for his legal defense, Wilson has turned to an outsider: New York criminal lawyer Herald Price Fahringer, whose clients include Claus von Bülow and Jean Harris. The choice is surprising because Wilson might have been expected to seek the counsel of a politically well-connected Washington lawyer familiar with intelligence matters. Sources close to Wilson suggest that the defense will claim that the methods used to capture Wilson (NEWSWEEK, June 28) were unconstitutional. Fahringer will also argue that much of what Wilson did was with the knowledge or authorization of the U.S. Government. Another defense tactic will be "graymail": the prospect that prosecuting Wilson will require disclosure of sensitive intelligence data.